

# Rytidosperma unarede

## COMMON NAMES

bristle grass

## BIOSTATUS

Native – Endemic taxon

## CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Not Threatened

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## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Grasses

## DISTRIBUTION

Endemic. Kermadec, Three Kings, North, South, Stewart and Chatham Islands

## HABITAT

Coastal, lowland to montane grasslands, and on cliff faces and sparsely-vegetated hillsides.

## GENUS

Rytidosperma

## FAMILY

Poaceae

## AUTHORITY

Rytidosperma unarede (Raoul) Connor et Edgar

## SYNONYMS

Danthonia unarede Raoul, *D. semiannularis* var. *unarede* (Raoul) Hook.f.,  
Notodanthonia unarede (Raoul) Zotov, Thonandia unarede (Raoul)  
H.P.Linder, Danthonia cingula Steud.

## ENDEMIC TAXON

Yes

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## PROPAGATION TECHNIQUE

Easy from fresh seed. Does best in full sun in well-drained soil.

## WHERE TO BUY

Not commercially available

## ETYMOLOGY

**rytidosperma**: Wrinkled seed

**unarede**: From a Maori word

## MANAAKI WHENUA ONLINE INTERACTIVE KEY

[Key to the grasses of New Zealand](#)



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## NVS CODE

RYTUNA

## CHROMOSOME NUMBER

2n = 48

## PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUSES

2017 | Not Threatened

2012 | Not Threatened

2009 | Not Threatened

2004 | Not Threatened

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## REGIONAL CONSERVATION STATUSES

Auckland: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened | Qualifiers: DPS, DPT Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Auckland conservation status information is sourced from the [“Conservation status of vascular plant species in Tāmaki Makaurau / Auckland”](#) Simpkins E et al. (2025) report.

Otago: 2025 | Regionally Not Threatened Help

The regional threat classification system leverages off the national assessments in the NZTCS, providing information relevant for the regional context. Otago conservation status information is sourced from the [“Conservation Status of Indigenous Vascular Plants in Otago, 2025”](#) Jarvie S et al. (2025) report.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/rytidosperma-unarede/>

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